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File No. 661

Senate Bill No. 1155

Senate, April 15, 2009

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN CONSULTANT SELECTIONS BY
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 4b-23 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2009*):

4 (i) As used in this subsection, (1) "project" means any state program,
5 except the downtown Hartford higher education center project, as
6 defined in subsection (l) of section 4b-55, requiring consultant services
7 if the cost of such services is estimated to exceed [one] three hundred
8 thousand dollars; [or, in the case of a constituent unit of the state
9 system of higher education, the cost of such services is estimated to
10 exceed three hundred thousand dollars;] (2) "consultant" means
11 "consultant" as defined in section 4b-55; and (3) "consultant services"
12 means "consultant services" as defined in section 4b-55. Any contracts
13 entered into by the commissioner with any consultants for

14 employment (A) for any project under the provisions of this section,
15 (B) in connection with a list established under subsection (d) of section
16 4b-51, or (C) by task letter issued by the commissioner to any
17 consultant on such list pursuant to which the consultant will provide
18 services valued in excess of [one] three hundred thousand dollars,
19 shall be subject to the approval of the State Properties Review Board
20 prior to the employment of said consultant or consultants by the
21 commissioner. The State Properties Review Board shall, within thirty
22 days, approve or disapprove the selection of or contract with any
23 consultant made by the Commissioner of Public Works pursuant to
24 sections 4b-1 and 4b-55 to 4b-59, inclusive. If upon the expiration of the
25 thirty-day period a decision has not been made, the State Properties
26 Review Board shall be deemed to have approved such selection or
27 contract.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	4b-23(i)
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GAE *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Sources: Department of Public Works

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 1155*****AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN CONSULTANT SELECTIONS BY
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill raises, from \$100,000 to \$300,000, the threshold value of consultant services on non-higher education projects, thereby establishing a uniform threshold of over \$300,000 on all consultant contracts requiring the State Properties Review Board's (SPRB) approval.

Under current law, the public works commissioner must get SPRB's approval before hiring consultants to perform services estimated at over (1) \$300,000 on higher education projects and (2) \$100,000 on all other projects. By law, if the board fails to act within 30 days after receiving the contract, it is deemed to have approved it.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2009

BACKGROUND***Consultant Services***

Consultant services include those rendered by architects, professional engineers, landscape architects, land surveyors, accountants, interior designers, environmental professional, construction administrators, planners, and financial specialists.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/27/2009)